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Dear Interested Citizen:

Enclosed you will find for your review the Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (MFWP) proposal to acquire approximately 4.3 acres of land west of Avon in Powell County for a new Fishing Access Site on the Little Blackfoot River.

This draft EA is available for review in Helena at MFWP's Headquarters, the State Library and the Environmental Quality Council. It also may be obtained from the Region 2 MFWP

Headquarters or viewed on MFWP's Internet website at http://fwp.mt.gov ("Recent Public Notices").

Comments on this draft EA must be received no later than June 13, 2005. Comments should be mailed to Lee Bastian, MFWP, 3201 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59804-3101 or emailed to bastian@mt.gov. If you have questions, please contact Bastian at 542-5500.

As part of the decision making process under MEPA, by June 20th I plan to issue the Decision Notice for this EA. Based on the outcome of the Decision Notice, this project proposal would be presented to the Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Commission for final action at its regularly scheduled meeting in July.

Sincerely,

Mack Long Regional Supervisor

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Enclosure: Draft EA for Little Blackfoot Fishing Access Site Acquisition